

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF *Sen*  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO RESCIND BY *Sen*  
 6 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION (OF EQUAL AUTHORITY TO THE RATIFYING  
 7 AUTHORITY OF THE FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE) THE RESOLUTION OF  
 8 THE FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
 9 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO EQUAL  
 10 RIGHTS ON ACCOUNT OF SEX.

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 12 WHEREAS, the Ninety-second Congress of the United  
 13 States of America at its second session, in both houses, by  
 14 a constitutional majority of two-thirds (2/3) thereof,  
 15 adopted the following proposition to amend the Constitution  
 16 of the United States of America in the following words:

17 "JOINT RESOLUTION  
 18 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
 19 States relative to equal rights for men and women.

20 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
 21 the United States of America in Congress assembled  
 22 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the  
 23 following article is proposed as an amendment to the  
 24 Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to  
 25 all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
 2 states within seven years from the date of its submission by  
 3 the Congress:

4 Article \_\_\_\_

5 Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not  
 6 be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state  
 7 on account of sex.

8 Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to  
 9 enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this  
 10 article.

11 Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years  
 12 after the date of ratification."  
 13 and;

14 WHEREAS, the Forty-third Legislature of the state of  
 15 Montana approved Senate Joint Resolution No. 11 as  
 16 introduced in that Legislature to ratify the proposed  
 17 amendment; and

18 WHEREAS, the Forty-fourth Legislature finds that it is  
 19 neither the desire nor is it in the best interest of the  
 20 people of the state of Montana for the proposed amendment to  
 21 become law; and

22 WHEREAS, the Legislature is aware of its responsibility  
 23 to express the desires and needs of its constituency.

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 25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE

INTRODUCED BILL

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1 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

2 That the ratification by the Legislature of the state  
3 of Montana of the above quoted proposed amendment to the  
4 Constitution of the United States of America is rescinded.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this  
6 resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the  
7 Administrator of the General Services Administration,  
8 Washington, D.C., and the President of the Senate and the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of  
10 the United States.

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